(c) how would this improve the existing situaiton?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) (a) to (c) The existing private power policy allows private sector participation in electricity generation, supply and distribution. The response of the private sector for setting up of generation projects has been encouraging. However, ways and means to facilitate greater private participation in the field of exclusive transmission are under consideration.

Drinking water schemes in West Godavari Districts in Andhra Pradesh

153. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal of drinking water schemes for the Municipalities of Tadepalligudem, Eluru and Bhimavaram from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals; and

(c) the funds earmarked for these three towns in West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) A project proposal including the proposal for providing water supply to Bhimavaram Municipal Corporation at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.44 crores, was received in this Ministry in October, 1993. I was technically scrutinished and comments conveyed to the State Government in January, 1994 with the request to revise the project proposal. However, the State Government has not yet responded in the matter despite reminders.

Setting up of private sector power projects in Maharashtra

154. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received in early 1996 some proposals for the Maharashtra Government for setting up of three power projects in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of each project; and

(c) by when the projects would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) received three proposals in early 1996, for setting up of power projects in private sector in the State of Maharashtra. The details and status of clearance of CEA for these projects is as follows:—

(i) 410 MW combined cycle Power Plant at Patalganga by M/s Reliance Patalganga Power Private Ltd.

The Project has been accorded the 'in principle' clearance of CEA. The company has been requested to tie up the necessary inputs/clearances for consideration of the proposal for techno-economic clearance of CEA.

(ii) 330 MW combined cycle Gas/Naphtha based power plant at Raigad by M/s Kalyani Mukand Limited.

The proposal for 'in principle' clearance (IPC) submitted by the compnay was rejected by the CEA because of the company's inability to tie-up required inputs/clearances.

(iii) 1082 MW (2 × 541 MW) Bhadrawati extension project by M/s Nippon Denro Ispat Ltd.

The proposal for 'in principle' clearance (IPC) sumbitted by the company was rejected by the CEA because of the company's inability to tie-up required inputs/clearances.

Bhumidhars in Delhi

155. SHRI O.P. KHOLI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some persons were declared Bhumidhars in Delhi under Sections 74(4) and 85 of Delhi Land Reforms Act, 1954;

(b) if so, the idea/purpose behind that and whether the purpose for which those persons were declared Bhumidhars has been achieved;

(c) whether the land allotted to those Bhumidhars could be sold/transferred by them; if not, the details of the Bhumidhars who have since sold their land; and

(d) the details of the persons who were declared Bhumidhars under Sections 74(4) and 85 DLR, 1954 giving their names, Khasra numbers, areas, villages and the names of present owners of those lands, as per the latest revenue records?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some persons were declared Bhumidhars in Delhi under Section 74(4) and 85 of Delhi Land Reforms Act, 1954 to reclaim the uncultivable land of Gram Sabha for cultivation.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected from the NCT of Delhi and shall be placed on the Table of the House when received.

Rural sanitation programme in Maharashtra

156. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether centrally sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme is under implementation in Maharashtra, to provide sanitation facilities in rural areas of the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the funds sought by the State Government for provision of sanitation facilities and funds actually released by Government during the last three years; year-wise;

(d) whether the programme has been successful in rural areas of Maharashtra; and

(e) if not, what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction of individual sanitary latrines for house-holds below the poverty line, construction of exclusive village sanitary complexes for women, intensive compaign for awareness generation and health education for creating felt need for personal, household and environmental sanitation facilities, etc. are some of the components of the programme.

(c) Under Central Rural sanitation Programme, the funds are allocated/released according to the fixed criteria/guidelines. The details of funds released are as under:

Year	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
1993-94	200.900
1994-95	0.000
1995-96	212.000

(d) As per the reports received from the Government of Maharashtra, against the release of Rs. 212.00 lakhs during 1995-96 under normal Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme, the State Govt. had incurred an expanditure of Rs. 216.34 lakh and constructed 13839 individual latrines and 142 village complexes for women. The Government of Maharasthra have drawn up an ambitious programme to construct 5-6 lakh individual toilets during 1996-97.

(e) Does not arise.

Proposals of foreign companies for FPIs

157. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the different kinds of food processing industries for which foreign companies have sent proposals/schemes;

(b) whether work on any of the proposals has been started;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether EEC has shown interest in strengthening horticulture development in India; and

(e) whether the Ministry is giving financial assistance to NGOs for setting up/upgrading food procesing facilities?